

WAUKESHA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

February 10, 2015

In Attendance:

Bruce Barnes, Traffic Engineer; Highway Commissioner Representative
Mr. Corey Foster; DOT Bureau of Transportation Safety
Lieutenant Mark Garry; Village of Pewaukee Police Department Representative
Sergeant Nakia Guyton, Wisconsin State Patrol Representative
Officer Ryan Jacobs; City of Delafield Police Department Representative
Sergeant Peter Lynkiewicz; City of Muskego Police Department Representative
Lieutenant Thom R. Moerman; Acting Chairman, Traffic Safety Coordinator
Captain Paul Repischak; City of New Berlin Police Department Representative
Sergeant Mark Tushaus; City of Brookfield Police Department Representative

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Acting Traffic Safety Commission Chairman Lieutenant Thom Moerman at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Sergeant Mark Tushaus, of the City of Brookfield Police Department, made a motion to approve the minutes from 11-11-14. Sergeant Peter Lynkiewicz, of the City of Muskego Police Department, seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The minutes were then approved.

TRAFFIC SAFETY LEGISLATION REPORT

Corey Foster distributed several handouts. The Traffic Safety Facts from the National Highway Safety Administration showed the “Results of the 2013 – 2014 National Roadside Survey of Alcohol and Drug Use by Drivers”, which revealed a decreasing trend in alcohol use. It also listed the challenges in determining how drugs affect driving. The Weekly Fatality Report as of 02-0-8-15 showed there were 42 fatalities and out of those fatalities 37 were fatal crashes so far this year. January had the fewest number of fatalities in a 10-year period. The trend of fatalities is continuing to drop down. In 2014 there were 498 fatalities, which was the lowest in the state since 1943. Seat belt usage last year was 84.7 percent, and the goal for this year is 88 percent. One effort for the goal is to approach legislature and ask to increase the fines to \$25.00. According to the Alcohol Related Fatalities With Serious Injuries, for Waukesha County in 2014 there were 114 serious injuries that resulted from alcohol related crashes and 6 fatalities. In 2013 there were 106 serious injuries and 7 fatalities. In 2012 there were 104 serious injuries and 1 fatalities. The statistics continued until 2009 when there were 215 serious injuries and 15 fatalities, thus almost cutting the numbers in half from 2009 to 2014 in terms of serious injuries and fatalities.

Corey Foster also stated that the Annual Governor’s Conference on Highway Safety will be on 08-25-15 through 08-27-15, at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells.

TRAFFIC SAFETY LEGISLATION REPORT CONTINUED

Corey Foster also handed out the 2013 OWI Related Convictions By Violation County and Repeat Offender Status report.

A discussion on grants followed. There was a delay in the grants this year, due to change in personnel, etc. Agencies are asked to partner with other agencies around them to reduce the large number of grants and paperwork involved. The Task Force is still going strong and participation is encouraged. Seat belt grants go into effect from March through the first half of September, Speed grants go into effect from June through the first half of September, and OWI grants are year-round.

Also discussed was a State Statute governing the use of cellular devices while operating a motor vehicle on the highway.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

There were no fatalities during this quarter.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

❖ Education

Kathleen Roe was not able to attend the meeting, however, through a previous e-mail she had stated that a concerned citizen was concerned about the pavement markings on the Highway 83 south construction near the Highway D/DE roundabout. Drivers have a double yellow line on their right side which leads to confusion, especially at night. The citizen was asking if the double yellow marking should be etched out. Bruce Barns suggested this be forwarded to Mitzi Dobersek.

❖ Highway Commission

Bruce Barns stated at the Highway KF and Highway JK intersection the posted speed limits were lowered, and recently funding was obtained to signalize the intersection as well. The intersection will be signalized in approximately three to four years.

Waukesha County is also putting in funding applications for the Highway Safety Improvement Program for problem locations in the county, specifically at CTH C and Hasslinger, where there have been fatalities; also at the CTH I curve in Mukwonago area; and at CTH E and CTH D intersection where there have been collisions. There is also a new rural highway program that an application has been put in for on CTH CI in Eagle/Ottawa area for pavement marking changes and minor changes.

The intersection at CTH O and Highway 59 in New Berlin has been having many problems with the signals and is now being integrated as part of the adaptive signal operation. The Department Of Transportation will now be taking full operation control of that intersection.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS CONTINUED

❖ **Highway Commission Continued**

Sergeant Mark Tushaus, from the City of Brookfield Police Department, stated to Bruce Barns that there have been problems with traffic signals in correlation with the Canadian Pacific Railroad set up at both Calhoun Road north of North Avenue and also North Avenue at Pilgrim Road. The gates are going down with no train and lights are going solid red, possibly due to winter weather related problems.

NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULED

The next meeting of the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at 1:00 p.m., in Room 355 of the Waukesha County Courthouse.

ADJOURNMENT

Sergeant Peter Lynkiewicz, of the City of Muskego Police Department, made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Lieutenant Mark Garry, of the Village of Pewaukee Police Department. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gregesich
Waukesha County Sheriff's Department

(MINUTES APPROVED ON 05-05-15)